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BREVITIES

Among the cases scheduled to go to trial in Circuit Judge Heen's court tomorrow morning is that of Private Lucas, charged with an assault on a girl under fifteen years.

For the extension of the waterworks system, a resolution appropriating \$25,000 was passed last night by the board of supervisors. Supervisor Ahia introduced the resolution.

The budget of the chamber of commerce for 1918, for \$21,740 was approved by the directors yesterday. This includes the salary of George McK. McClellan, the chamber's representative at Washington.

Supervisor Arnold announced last night to the board of supervisors that as soon as a supply of oil arrived the city engineer would order the oiling of roads in Manoa as per agreement with the residents of that district.

To pay for the engineering, incidental, inspection and advertising of the Park Road-Broadway Road Avenue improvement project, a resolution was passed last night by the board of supervisors appropriating \$199. Supervisor Arnold introduced the resolution.

To keep up the program of metering new services, P. G. Kirehoff, manager of the waterworks department, was given \$360 last night by the board of supervisors to cover the cost of purchasing twenty-four five-eighths inch meters.

The Territory will furnish prisoners to work on the improvement of upper Punaluu Road. A resolution was passed yesterday afternoon by the board of supervisors to that effect. The sum of \$600 was appropriated by the board of supervisors at a recent meeting for this work.

A. L. Burdick, engineer of the harbor board, submitted yesterday a preliminary report on conditions at the point where it is proposed to build the new pier at Hana. Recommendations that he made to have borings made in the bottom of the bay were approved and ordered carried out by the board.

Ewa will be visited by the Y. W. C. A. girls on their first outing of the year on next Saturday afternoon. Those who wish to go are requested to hand in their names by Friday noon. Only twenty-four can be taken on the trip. The fare is \$1, and the party will leave the Y. W. C. A. at one-thirty Saturday afternoon.

Dr. J. N. B. Pratt, president of the board of health, is quoted as stating that a number of new cases of typhoid fever have been reported among Japanese laborers at Custer since the middle of December. These are employed by the army quartermaster department. Two other cases have been reported in the Wahiawa district and one suspect has been reported in Honolulu district.

A resolution introduced by Supervisor Mott-Smith appropriating \$13,835 for the purchase of asphaltum was passed last night by the board of supervisors. Mott-Smith announced that the intention of the resolution was to enable the city to purchase 500 tons of asphaltum at \$27.67 a ton, which was a low figure. The asphaltum, he said, could be stored and distributed as necessary.

Private Secretary Tamuly, writing from the White House, informs the Bar Association that he called recommendations of Attorney D. L. Withington and Circuit Judge S. B. Kemp to fill the chief justiceship vacancy here, have been received by President Wilson. Aside from these recommendations the name of Associate Justice Cooke is mentioned in connection with the vacancy.

FORMER TREASURER OF
UNITED STATES DEAD

WASHINGTON, January 9.—(Associated Press)—Ellis Henry Roberts, who was treasurer of the United States from 1897 to 1905, died here yesterday at the age of ninety years.

Roberts was in public life for many years. He was forty-third congressman in 1871 to 1875 and became assistant treasurer of the United States in 1888, retaining that office until 1893, when he became president of the Franklin Bank of New York City. He remained in that position until 1897, when he was made treasurer of the United States, holding that office to 1905.

MARRIAGE MARKET IS
RUNNING IN HONOLULU

J. J. Smiddy, United States marshal, is hot on the trail of a local Chinese who is said to be trading in young and pretty brides. The name of the man has not yet been learned but Smiddy has information which he thinks will be sufficient to land his man within a few days.

According to an information the Chinese is forcing his several grown-up daughters to entice young and pretty girls to his house. There, it is alleged, they are being sold to the highest bidder. Many of the girls already sold are said to be mere youngsters—fourteen and fifteen years of age—while the men believed to be buying the rights to live as their husbands are in many instances as old as fifty years.

This custom of selling girls is said to be carried on extensively in the Orient. It can scarcely be called white slavery, according to Smiddy, who referred to it as a "Marriage Market."

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PERSONALS

Judge Harry Irwin departed for the Big Island in the Mauna Kea yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wilcox were among arrivals from the Garden Island yesterday morning.

William H. Rice, of Lihue, Kauai, is a visitor in the city, having arrived in the steamer Kinau yesterday.

First Lieut. John Hayden, Signal Corps, has been ordered to report for duty at Camp Fremont, California.

Among arriving passengers aboard the Kinau yesterday was Rev. F. H. Lydgate, pastor of the Lihue Foreign Church.

Henry Walworth Kinsley, superintendent of public instruction, was a departing passenger in the Mauna Kea for Hilo yesterday.

Bishop Lambert of the Roman Catholic Mission leaves tomorrow for Maui, en route to Kula, where he will open a sanitarium to be conducted exclusively for the members of the mission.

Second Lieut. George Tomb, Reserve Corps, has been called to active duty with the Third Engineers. Tomb had just been assigned to the training camp at Schofield as a student last Saturday.

Quartermaster Sgt. George F. Magee, Quartermaster Corps, has been ordered to Fort Mason, San Francisco, to report by wire to the adjutant general with a view to being assigned to active duty as a captain in the quartermaster reserve.

Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Haglund received news yesterday of the marriage of their son, Charles H. Nicolle, of Honolulu to Miss Edith Thorton of Elizabeth, New Jersey. The wedding took place on December 12 at Elizabeth, the home of the bride and where the couple are staying for the present.

Rodiek Is Expelled
By Directors From
Chamber of Commerce

Disloyal Citizen Unceremoniously Kicked Out—H. Hackfeld Also Dropped From Rolls and Resignation of Klebahn accepted

Georg Rodiek, former German consul and confessed disloyal citizen of the United States, was expelled from the chamber of commerce yesterday by vote of the board of directors.

H. Hackfeld, alien enemy was dropped from the rolls and the board of directors accepted the resignation of F. W. Klebahn, likewise alien enemy.

The reason for dropping Rodiek was his admitted guilt in conspiring to violate the neutrality of the United States. The membership committee voted a few days ago to recommend the erasure of Rodiek's name from Hawaii's most prominent civic commercial organization, and passed their action on to the directors. Few words were wasted in the matter, and when the secretary read the recommendation, the unanimous vote was given and recorded in silence.

At the same time the resignation of F. Wilhelm Klebahn, shipping manager of Hackfeld & Co., was read and the vote to accept same was unanimous.

In the matter of H. Hackfeld, head of the firm, who is now a resident in Germany, President J. F. C. Hagens said that he had previously suggested to the secretary that in view of the present relations between America and Germany he felt it would be proper in his case to suggest that Mr. Hackfeld's name be omitted from the membership list, although he was not speaking on behalf of any one. The vote of the directors was in line with Hagens' request and Hackfeld's name was erased from the membership rolls.

BEEF FAMINE PAU
FOR THE PRESENT

Though Supply Available Is Limited It Is Sufficient If Meatless Days Are Observed

Honolulu now has sufficient, if small supply of beef coming in to fill the orders of the local housewives and hotel managers for the rest of the week, and after that, the wholesalers say, there will be enough Island beef to care for all the trade without difficulty. No one was refused beef yesterday.

A shipment of beef from Australia is expected later in the month, but this will all be taken to fill the army contracts held by local dealers. Island beef will be more plentiful after this week, and although not enough to glut the market or give a downward tendency to price, it is thought that everyone will be able to get the usual supply.

Any demand above normal within the month would probably result in another beef shortage for a day or two, but the women's committee and others will emphasize the need of lessened rather than increased demand for beef at the present time, which will probably bring about smaller orders on the part of the housewife until the period of scarcity is over.

No more beef is being ordered from California by the Hawaii Meat Company, which have so far been the only importer of California beef. The Australian meat is to be used for the army, so it is up to Honolulu to make the beef which the Territory is able to supply sufficient to fill the demand, or to lessen the demand until the supply is ample to care for the civilian population.

Meatless days, beefless days, and the use of meat substitutes will all aid in saving beef enough to make the Islands self-supporting in this respect.

Honolulu Proves Up

HONOLULU'S leading men were right there at the scratch when the test came on Monday, when the chamber of commerce considered the resolution asking the President to use the power vested in him by congress to declare Oahu dry territory for the duration of the war. Nearly a hundred representative men of the community, representing many ideas, many interests, many views at conflict under normal conditions, voted as one man to banish booze from Honolulu as a war measure. The vote and the enthusiasm with which it was recorded were inspiring and increase the pride the average Honolulu has in his city, its commercial leaders and the patriotism it has demonstrated.

We believe that this vote of the chamber of commerce should go a long way towards convincing the men of the army and navy that the citizens of Honolulu are sincerely desirous of doing what lies within their power to assist the fighting men in the stern tasks ahead of them.

There could be no camouflage in Monday's vote. The unanimous decision of the business men meant what it indicated, the willingness of the citizen to enter upon the same conditions as to intoxicants as the law enforces upon the man in uniform. If being deprived of the right to drink is a deprivation, it is one we show we are willing to share in order to make that deprivation absolute and equitable; if the right to get drunk is a privilege, it is one we are willing to forego; if war time prohibition is good for the soldier, we are willing to assume that it is good for all citizens.

We have reason to believe that the petition of the chamber of commerce will be favorably received at the White House and acted upon promptly. Let us hope so.

Grit of the Guard

THE national guard has stood more buffeting and survived it than anyone would have considered possible a year ago, and the very fact that it has come up smiling after the latest crack in its direction from Washington has inspired more respect for the organization than it has been given at almost any time in its checkered career.

Right on top of the notification from Provost Marshal Crowder that the guardsmen of registration age had to put themselves down for the draft, irrespective of the guard membership or the commissions they might hold, the men and officers have started off on an intensive training course, punching dummies with their bayonets, attending officers' school and turning out for regular drills.

This is the spirit that begets confidence and it is safe to say that the National Guard of Hawaii stands better with the man in the street today than it did a month ago, despite the fact that it has roared itself severely since that time and lost the right of the members to stand exempt from conscription.

If the guard feels satisfied to keep on going and the only effect of knockdowns is to add vim to its training, the least the community can do is to stand back, stop criticising and give it a chance. What we should do is to applaud the grit that officers and men are showing under exceptionally trying conditions and despite a series of slams, some deserved and some undeserved.

Add Costs To Fines

A police court note the other day reported a demand for a jury trial on the part of a citizen charged with a violation of the automobile ordinances; the demand being granted by Judge Irwin. The demand and its granting were strictly according to law and precedent, but they work as an injustice upon the community, nevertheless. The case, as such cases go, was a comparatively unimportant one, an ordinary, routine one of alleged speeding.

Under ordinary circumstances, if the man be guilty, his fine would be around twenty-five dollars; if he were found to be not guilty, the cost of his trial in the police court would be very small. Now, however, it will cost a hundred times more to move the ponderous machinery of the circuit court for his case, whether he be guilty or not, and he will get no juster verdict.

We believe it would be an excellent thing for all concerned if the circuit court judges were to fix penalties for convicted misdemeanants who have insisted upon jury trials to include the expense to which the defendants have placed the government. In this way guilty defendants would not seek a jury trial in a minor offense, lest the fine be what he would pay in the police court plus the extra amounts his case will have cost the taxpayers. Innocent defendant would suffer none from such a practise and the public would be better served.

It is pointed out by the treasury department that Thrift Stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase War Savings Stamps, which bear interest and are redeemable in cash. In addition, to provide for redemption for these Thrift Stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to impair the practicability of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the government possibly than they are worth.

Lower Sugar Prices

THE ability to produce staple crops year after year and market them at a low average price, with moderate profits to both the labor and capital employed, is the basis on which all great industries have been founded. High commodity prices and huge profits, are, in the long run, inimical to the success and continuity of an industry, although markedly profitable to transient investors ever on the lookout for abnormal returns. Whether the particular business is the production of sugar, cotton, steel, shoe leather, or woolen goods, if profits are so high that all the world has to pay tribute, amounting to double or treble the normal cost of producing the commodity, an impulse is born in the minds of all consumers of these staples which, carried to its logical conclusion, would array against them combinations of intelligence and population and soil and climate which would be irresistible.

And so, in planning for the future of the sugar industry, stress must be put on the importance of getting sugar prices back down to a four cent level. The longer we delay, the greater the cupidity and animosity aroused by our unusual fortunes, and when normal times reappear great areas of unused lands and vast accumulations of capital will be thrown into sugar production in other lands. Other nations will be spurred to a supreme effort to compete with American sugar growers.

The producers of any commodity can control prices downward more easily than on an ascending scale, and this is the direction most often taken by powerful combinations of producers although in the average, non-analytical mind, credit is seldom given monopolistic combinations for such altruism.

Nevertheless, for the preservation of the sugar industry, and to protect it against the bitter competition that must ensue, if we are to believe the half of what the warring nations say each as to the part they and their people intend to bear in business readjustments after the war, the American sugar producers owe it to themselves, and to their industry, to restore the period of low prices and normal profits in time to fend off such destructive competition.

Time was when Hawaii boasted of its scientific methods of production but Hawaii no longer enjoys a superior position in the sugar producing world. Scientific methods of production, labor-saving machinery, advanced processes of manufacture and skill in distribution are no longer adjunct to Hawaiian sugar production in greater degree than in other sugar lands. Our methods are no less perfect, but the rest of the world has caught up in the lines where we formerly excelled. The possession of superior methods of production is no longer one of the tangible assets of our industry.

A long continued era of high prices is therefore fraught with possibilities that may lead to ultimate disaster and it is well to begin to make plans to put the industry back on a more conservative basis. This is the idea that is at the bottom of governmental price-fixing, for the elimination of abnormal profits is one of the best methods of insurance against destructive and aggressive competition after the war.

How many spies, plotters and enemy agents in the United States have been jerked before the firing squad since this war started for America? So far as is known, not one. And people wonder, says the Los Angeles Times, why plots increase, why the German agents grow more active every day, why arsenals are blown up, Governors' mansions dynamited, forests are fired, and the lawless I. W. W.'s openly join hands with the Kaiser's men. The plotters are daily apprehended—and sent to detention camps for the duration of the war. And we are raising a tremendous army and billions of dollars to kill off the Germans who are at least honorable enough to go into battle in uniform, openly hostile, while these miserable reptiles lurking in our midst are carefully fed and clothed in comfortable prisons even when caught at the most dastardly crimes. No—shoot them! America alone of all the embattled nations has not invoked the death penalty for spies.

"Whether it be in the garb of pusillanimous pacifism or plain damnable intrigue, we cannot, and will not, allow the soldier hero of America to be stabbed in the back by traitors at home," says the mayor of Los Angeles. Unfortunately the residential clause of the Organic Act prevents this he-man being sent to Hawaii as Governor, where we need a Governor able to say something patriotic. But we have some men of Hawaii just as forcible and just as American and probably one of them will be on the job in the Capitol shortly.

The Red Cross has mobilized an army of millions of American women for work on surgical dressings, hospital garments, refugee clothing, knitting garments and comfort kits. It is estimated that the value of their work during the next twelve months, will be at least \$40,000,000. The Red Cross has promised to send three million surgical dressings a month to France during the first half of 1918.

A letter from the Coast says Rodiek is coming back. He might, but he can't "come back."

Trotsky has trotted off to treat again with Germany, and it wasn't his treat, either.

FREDERICK LOWREY

Woman Prominent in Civic Affairs Passes Away Suddenly; Community Is Shocked

Mrs. Frederick J. Lowrey died yesterday morning at half-past eleven o'clock following an apoplectic stroke which occurred during the previous night. The first indication of illness being early yesterday morning when she was found to be unconscious. Efforts of physicians and nurses to revive her were without result.

Private services for the family were held at the home at Lunalilo and Victoria streets at half-past four o'clock yesterday afternoon, at which Rev. A. W. Palmer, of Central Union Church, of which Mrs. Lowrey was an active member, officiated. The services were J. A. Kennedy, Z. K. Myers, A. E. Griffiths, W. B. Lavers, C. M. Cooke and C. H. Cooke. After the service the body was cremated.

The death of Mrs. Lowrey was a shock throughout the community, for she had been closely identified with prominent organizations in Honolulu for many years and was a leader in enterprises which included the beautification of the entire city of Honolulu, and for civic welfare. She was a tireless worker in all these organizations and spoke often in public on questions of community interest. She was president for many years of the Outdoor Circle, a member of the City Planning Commission and of other organizations. She took a deep interest in the welfare of the soldiers and was active this week in preparing for an outdoor entertainment for soldiers at Punahou campus on Saturday.

On Tuesday evening she appeared to be in good health and attended an entertainment for the benefit of a war fund.

Mrs. Lowrey is survived by her husband, F. J. Lowrey, of Lewers & Cooke, and their three sons, Frederick D. Sherwood M., and Alan J. Lowrey, the latter having just completed his course of training at an army aviation school at Pensacola, and being designated as an aviator pilot. He was to have gone to Washington this week, having been called to his parents last Sunday evening of his transfer.

Chamber Laments Death

The prominence which the late Mrs. F. J. Lowrey attained in public life, particularly in connection with the beautifying of the city of Honolulu, and her close alliance with organizations which were associated with civic affairs, was the subject of consideration by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu yesterday afternoon, when a resolution of sympathy, proposed by George W. Smith, was unanimously adopted. The proposer said it was an unusual request, but in view of the prominence of Mrs. Lowrey in public affairs in which the chamber of commerce had been identified, and the fact that Mr. Lowrey is a member of the chamber, he felt that the passage of the resolution was due to her memory, in which all the directors immediately concurred. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, The directors of the chamber of commerce have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, the esteemed wife of a member and former president of this body, and "Whereas, Mrs. Lowrey was noted in this community for her amiable character and for her great interest in religious, charitable and civic betterment work;

"Therefore, Be it resolved that the chamber of commerce of Honolulu extend to the bereaved husband and family heartfelt sympathy in this time of their grief and affliction; and

"Resolved, That a record of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this session and a copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased."

ITEMS OF INTEREST
FROM KAUAI SCHOOLS

The following school notes are from the Garden Island, Lihue, Kauai, of January 1:

Miss Payne of the Wailua school has been spending her vacation partly with Mrs. Broadbent and partly at Grove Farm.

K. K. Gibbs, the son of Mrs. Gibbs, government school teacher at Wailua, has been engaged as tutor for the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Robinson.

Mrs. Burke of the Kapas schools has been spending a part of her vacation in Lihue with Miss Mumford. She enjoys the metropolitan outing and finds Lihue quite a capital.

Teachers Must Be Loyal—Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of the department of public instruction, has sent a letter to all the school teachers of Kauai requiring them to affirm their loyalty to the government of the United States.

Miss Lorraine Fowlds is to be transferred from Lihue to the Eleale school. We are sorry to lose Miss Fowlds from our midst, but "our loss will be their gain." It is because of her desire to be with her sister and girl friends from the mainland that Miss Fowlds asked for a transfer. Miss May Christian and Miss Spring will take charge of the Y. M. C. A. night school classes started so auspiciously by the Misses Findley, who left for their home in California a few days ago. Fortunately the new teachers are as enthusiastic over the classes as were the old ones and the boys are looking forward to a profitable continuation of their studies.

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IS INDICTED ON THE
CHARGE OF FORGERY

True Bills Are Also Returned By Grand Jury Against Kama-kaia and Kealoha

FRAUDULENT "WILL" IS CAUSE OF ACTION

Woman Is Upmoved and Says It Will Give Her Chance To "Tell the Real Facts"

"Princess" Theresa Wilcox Belliveau, James Kealoha and "Rev." Sam Kamaikaia were indicted on charges of forgery and conspiracy by the grand jury yesterday afternoon in connection with the "1917 will" that was offered for probate as the last will of the late Queen Liliuokalani and was declared fraudulent by Circuit Judge W. Ashford after he had heard confessions in open court from both Kealoha and Kamaikaia. Mr. Kealoha was made last night on the indictments, which are returnable in Judge William H. Heen's division of the circuit court tomorrow.

"Princess" Theresa was unmoved by news of the indictment. She said she had been awaiting the indictment as a means to get into court and tell "the real facts in connection with the Queen's estate."

"It will give me a chance to testify," she stated. Attorneys withdrew. The first disclosures in connection with the "1917 will" came when the attorneys who presented it withdrew, at the same time filing with the circuit clerk a sworn confession that had been made by "Rev." Sam Kamaikaia whose name was signed to the will as one of the witnesses.

When the probate hearing was held in the circuit court Kamaikaia took the stand and repeated in detail the confession he had made to the attorneys. He admitted that he had not signed the will in the Queen's presence, but said it had been signed at his home in the presence of his wife. He testified that a church had been offered to him by "Princess" Theresa for his part in connection with the will.

A confession along similar lines was made at the same court hearing by Kealoha who was the other purported witness to the will. Kealoha was unable to specify any particular reward, as he said none had been mentioned. "Princess" Theresa had induced him to sign the will, however, he said and she had promised to give him something for doing it. He said that "Princess" Theresa had summoned him to her "home" from the records of the case where he had been working and he said he had signed the will at her home on the Gore lot at the intersection of Merchaut and King Streets. Kealoha admitted before Judge Ashford that the will was a fake.

"Princess" Unmoved. Through all the sinister developments in connection with the fraudulent will "Princess" Theresa has held strongly to her assertions that the will is valid in all particulars, although it has been branded as fraudulent by the court and excluded from the case. "Princess" Theresa declares she will prove her innocence of the crime charged against her and will regain possession of the bulk of the estate which was left to her and members of her family under the terms of the document.

In the past week the grand jury has examined a large number of witnesses in connection with the case. In its inquiry the grand jury went far beyond the scope of the public hearing that was held in Judge Ashford's court. A large number of Hawaiians were summoned for the purpose, it is stated, of finding others whom it is alleged "Princess" Theresa approached in connection with the will.

The three who are accused will probably be arraigned before Judge Heen Saturday.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET
ADVANCED A STEP

Appropriation Bill Passes Second Reading With No Alteration In Total of Amount

Bearing a total of \$429,021, with which to conduct the business of the City and County of Honolulu for the six months ending June 30, next, the new appropriation passed second reading last night before the board of supervisors and was ordered to print. The board will meet to pass third reading on the bill at one-thirty o'clock Saturday afternoon.

No alteration of the total of the bill as it passed first reading was made last night, but four resolutions were introduced by Supervisor Mott-Smith rearranging the salaries to be paid to employees of the city attorney's department, auditor's department, clerk's office and city engineer's department. According to Mr. Mott-Smith this rearrangement was desired by the heads of the department concerned.

The salaries of employees in the four departments mentioned are now as follows:

City attorney: 1st deputy, \$295 a month; 2nd deputy \$275, police court prosecutor \$225, clerk \$130, messenger \$100, 1st stenographer \$130 and 2nd stenographer \$125.

Auditor: deputy \$245, bookkeeper \$175, two assistant bookkeepers and a general clerk at \$125 a month each.

Clerk: 1st deputy \$245, 2nd deputy \$175, filing clerk \$140, typist \$125 and extra clerk \$75.

City engineer: engineer \$350, chief clerk \$175, stenographer \$150, chauffeur \$100, and three engineers at \$225.